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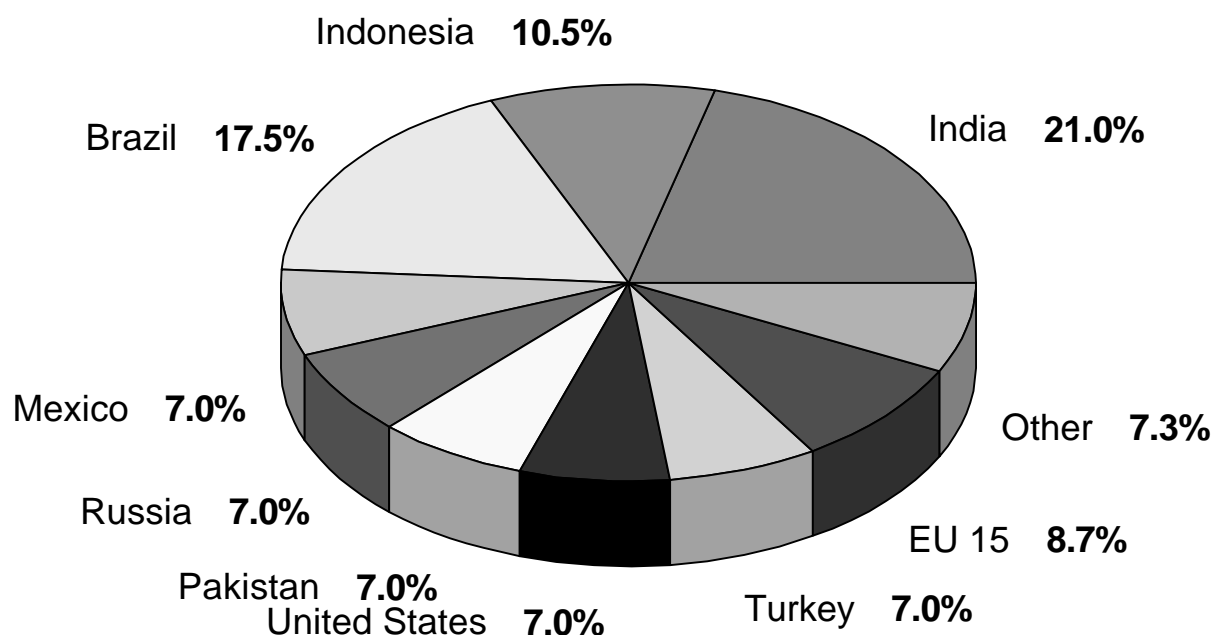
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Record Consumption in 2000/01 Fueled by Increases in Major Consuming Countries

Share of Total Increase in Consumption
For MY 2000/01 Over MY 1999/2000



World consumption for marketing year 2000/01 is forecast at 92.27 million bales up 1.43 million (1.6 percent) from the 1999/2000 marketing year estimate of 90.84 million bales. Increased consumption is forecast for nine of the top-ten consuming countries, except China. The increases in these nine countries account for 93 percent of the total increase in world consumption, but these countries only represent 57 percent of total consumption. Consumption in India, Pakistan, Turkey, Brazil, and Mexico are forecast to reach new record highs in 2000/01. Russia consumption is forecast at the highest level in seven years, while consumption in Indonesia is forecast to return to the record level seen in 1998/99. Consumption in the United States and the European Union, while not at record levels, are forecast up. China is the only top-ten consuming country not expected to see an increase in consumption, but it is expected to remain flat at its current record level.